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line of the Chilton tract locates the Edwards tract, and through it the western line of a lot of Nathaniel Bacon, Senior. The eastern boundary of the Bacon tract, as has been pointed out, was the Howard tract. Bacon's lot, therefore, occupied the greater part of the eastern half of the space on which stands the Confederate fort of 1861.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

TRIAL OF REV. ARCHIBALD McROBERTS,
Minister of Dale Parish, Chesterfield.

The people of Chesterfield county, Va., just before the Revolution, were evidently nothing if not orthodox. As has been known they sent Baptist ministers to prison for preaching, and in the case treated of below they indicted the rector of Dale Parish for a violation of the canon in regard to psalm-singing. There is no record of the case having been argued in regard to the law, as directed in March, 1774, and nothing is known of its termination.

For a notice of Mr. McRoberts see *Meade*, I, 448-450.

Is there another instance in our records where a county court tried a minister for a breach of ecclesiastical law?

May Court, 1772.

Robert Haskins, foreman, with Benjamin Beasley, Martin Baker, Olive Branch, Jun., Richard Covington, Peter Baugh, Jun., John Baugh, John Bowman, Jesse Traylor, Lodowick Vaden, Archer Traylor, Mark Puckett, Eleazer Moor, Tho. Nunnally, Tho. Cheatham, Elam Farmer, James Elam & Henry Branch were sworn in a Grand Jury for the Body of this County & having received their Charge retired & after some time returned & presented the following, to-wit:

The reverend Archibald McRoberts, Minister of Dale parish, for making use of Hymns or poems in the Church Service instead of David's Psalms, contrary to Law within twelve months last past.

March Court, 1774.

The King,	P.	} Indictment.
vs.		
Archibald McRobert, Clerk D.		

This day came the Attorney for our lord the King as well as the said Archibald by his Attorney, and thereupon came also a jury, to-wit: Ralph Faulkner, William Giles, John Foster, David Coupland, John Leitch, John Fowler, Daniel McCallum, Joseph Jones, Tho. Goddin, Tho. Shores, Henry Branch, James Donald, who being elected, tried & sworn the truth to speak, upon the Issue joined returned a special verdict in these words, to-wit:

“We of the Jury do find that the deft. has used Hymns or Poems other than the Psalms of David after the Communion Service & after Sermon. If upon the whole the Law be against the Deft. we find him guilty, but if the Law be for the Deft. we find him not guilty. Ralph Falkner.”

Whereupon, It is ordered that the same be recorded and continued to be argued.

PROSECUTION OF BAPTIST MINISTERS,

Chesterfield County, Va., 1771-'73.

All of the historians of the Baptist Church in Virginia refer to the county of Chesterfield as one of those in which the prosecution or persecution of Baptist ministers, in 1771-'73, was most violent.

The following extracts are believed to contain all that is in the county records in regard to the subject.

The records must have been imperfectly kept for they do not show that the prisoners were ever bailed or discharged.

We should be glad to have copies of the records in all counties where anything relating to the persecution is to be found.

For notices of the ministers named see Semple, and Taylor's *Baptist Ministers*.